

Back to School.... Tears, Fears and smiles for the first day of school



First day of school is a family affair

Youngsters all over Aruba began the 2011-2012 school year yesterday; for some, a welcome event to greet classmates who were gone for the summer and the excitement of making new friends and gaining new knowledge. Aruba's school year begins much earlier than in the U.S., as there is little difference in the weather from summer to fall. Though island students have a much longer school year with only 5 weeks summer break, they do attend for shorter days, going

home for lunch means being done for the day.

For many of the children of Imelda Kindergarten and their parents, the first day was bittersweet as many a Mommy and Daddy left their little one on their own for



I want my momma



Principal Juliette greets a new student who is also a Birthday girl

the first time; as excited as the child may have been to get their new uniform, school bag and supplies, the reality of "cutting the cord" was a bit daunting for quite a few. Experienced teachers and Principal Juliette enthusiastically greeted

many new students yesterday, gently easing them into the reality of school life and growing up.

It was "triumph and tragedy" as Aruban children went back to school, with many tearful, touching moments, but as all parents who have been through it know, everyone survives this rite of passage (perhaps the youngsters better than the parents).

by Rosalie Klein

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Tears and fears for some new students

LNG project seen as win-win situation for Valero according to Valero President



ORANJESTAD -- The Texas based Valero President, Bill Klesse announced this week that Valero will be investing between 100 to 200 million Aruba Florins in the Aruba refinery. In a recent press meeting, Klesse had words of praise for the manner in which the Aruba refinery is being managed by local General Manager Bill Buckley and his team. According to Buckley, that very morning of the press conference, they had received a very positive evaluation and the continued support of Bill Klesse and his San Antonio team, which he said is very important for them here in Aruba. "Our goal is to continue managing the Valero Aruba operations in a safe manner and to continue the job of making progress in the refinery operations," says Buckley.

When asked, what are the projects in which the refinery will be investing, the Aruba General Manager explained that, one will be the desalination plant, then the construction of terminals to prepare and repair tankers, a container for LNG as well as several turnarounds that they will embark upon in the coming year.

With respect to LNG there is no definite supplier as yet. Bill Klesse remarked that he is convinced that an LNG project will be good for Aruba and also

very good for Valero. This he said is ... "what we can call a win-win situation. He said that they are working diligently on this project and they already have an idea how it will be managed. What is lacking is to determine who will be supplying the gas. He said, "we have sent 29 solicitations to different companies to ascertain if there are interested suppliers for this project. There is money in such a project for both parties." Hence they are working diligently to realize this.

Bill Klesse reported that Valero has invested more than 100 million dollars in the Aruba refinery since its reopening. He remarked that a look at their next year's budget shows an anticipated investment of between 100 and 200 million dollars next year. He said, they will continue with projects that they had put on hold. Thus, according to Klesse the Aruba refinery has a future. Klesse claims that the business of a refinery is a very competitive one. He applauded the excellent work of the Aruba team and their good relationship with the people of Aruba. He said ... "we have an excellent relationship with the Aruba government, and we are very optimistic. We received a great presentation here this morning and we are very satisfied with the dedication of our people here."

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Norway attacker had prepared second, bigger bomb: media

OSLO (AFP) - The gunman who confessed to the July 22 attacks in Norway had prepared a second bomb bigger than the one that exploded in Oslo's government district, public broadcaster NRK reported Wednesday.

Quoting unnamed military sources, NRK said that the bomb discovered at the farm Anders Behring Breivik had rented, some 140 kilometres (85 miles) north of Oslo, weighed between 1.0 and 1.5 tonnes and was ready to use.

In comparison, the car-bomb he set off outside government offices in Oslo, killing eight people, weighed 950 kilogrammes (2,095 pounds), according to expert estimates.

Without giving any details on the size of the bomb, Norwegian police denied that they had found any explosive device that was "ready to deploy",

contradicting a key element of the television report.

Oslo police spokesman Roar Hanssen said on Twitter that: "A lot of modified fertiliser was found at the farm."

On July 27, police said they had found and destroyed explosives stored at the isolated farm, but did not provide any details on the quantity or what condition they were in when they were discovered.

Behring Breivik, a 32-year-old rightwing extremist who had been planning the attacks for years, had rented the farm several months before the July 22 carnage, officially to grow vegetables but most likely to have a reason to purchase chemical fertiliser without arousing suspicion.

According to a Norwegian agricultural cooperative, Behring Breivik received a delivery at the beginning of

May of six tonnes of fertiliser, which may have been used to make the bombs.

After setting off his bomb in Oslo, the killer went on a shooting rampage on the nearby island of Utoeya, where the ruling Labour Party's youth wing was hosting a summer camp, killing 69 more people, many of them teenagers.

According to police, Behring Breivik has said during interrogations that he had "other targets" in mind that day, and media has reported that he had planned to attack the royal palace and the Labour Party headquarters.

Currently being held in preventive custody in a high-security prison near Oslo, Behring Breivik has confessed to the attacks and claims he acted alone.



LIMA : Handout picture released by Andina showing police personnel cataloguing over 1,000 kg of cocaine --896 of which seized in Lima-- at the DIRANDRO (Drug Directorate) headquarters on August 17, 2011. Five Colombians and three Peruvians were arrested, DIRANDRO director Carlos Moran said. Most of the drug was hidden in boxes of asparagus to be shipped by sea to Turkey, and another 113 kg in the port of Paita, 1,100 km north of Lima, destined to Valencia, Spain. Twelve Colombians who attempted to smuggle cocaine to Europe have been arrested in the last 45 days, Moran said. **AFP PHOTO**

Mexico police accused in mob killing of migrant

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - Mexican police are alleged to have turned over a Guatemalan migrant for the equivalent of \$40 to an angry mob, which then proceeded to beat him to death in revenge for a robbery, news reports and witnesses said.

The death of Julio Fernando Cardona, 19, near a hostel for migrants in the city of Tultitlan on August 8 sparked protests outside the Mexican embassy in Guatemala City, and Guatemalan charges of possible police complicity.

Father Hugo Raudel, the

director of the San Diego Migrants House, told reporters that Cardona was detained by police as a suspect and taken away in a patrol car.

Other witnesses said Cardona had nothing to do with the robbery, but was beaten to death anyway by youths demanding that he return what he had stolen.

The police said the patrol car was dispatched to the scene in response to a call by a neighbor that a youth was being beaten.

But witnesses said the police were on the scene before the beating.

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Iran, Russia claim 'first step' to nuclear breakthrough

MOSCOW (AFP) - Russia and Iran on Wednesday said a new Russian plan had a real chance of solving the standoff over the Iranian nuclear drive, despite the failure of past initiatives to end a decade of deadlock.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov welcomed his Iranian counterpart Ali Akbar Salehi in Moscow to discuss the details of a "step-by-step" plan that rewards Tehran for greater transparency with a gradual easing of UN sanctions.

The rare visit to Moscow by Iran's top diplomat came a day after Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad received Russian Security Council chief Nikolai Patrushev and gave his blessing to the new

approach.

The novelty of the plan is that each time Iran is able to build confidence with the UN nuclear agency it will be rewarded with a step-by-step removal of the UN sanctions imposed against it over the last years.

World powers fear that Iran wants to develop a nuclear bomb under the cover of a civilian nuclear energy programme and have for years sought to persuade Iran to renounce the key process of uranium enrichment as proof of its goodwill.

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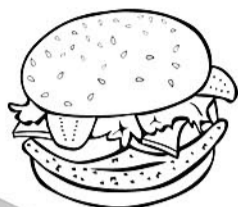
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Liquid Natural Gas is an attractive, viable option for Valero and Web



ORANJESTAD -- During a recent press conference with Valero Refinery President, Bill Klesse, General Manager of Valero Aruba Refinery, Bill Buckley, Prime Minister Eman and Minister de Meza, the name of Venezuela's PDVSA Refinery was mentioned a number of times with respect to a LNG (Liquid Natural Gas) project. This LNG project is "in the pipelines" for Valero to begin exploring very soon.

According to the Prime Minister, it is PDVSA who

took the initiative to contact the Aruba Government and Valero Refinery with the proposition regarding the exploration of an LNG project. They are interested in not only supplying us with gas, but are also interested in working together on a joint infrastructure for said project. Both Valero and the government are seriously interested in such a project. PDVSA presented three options.

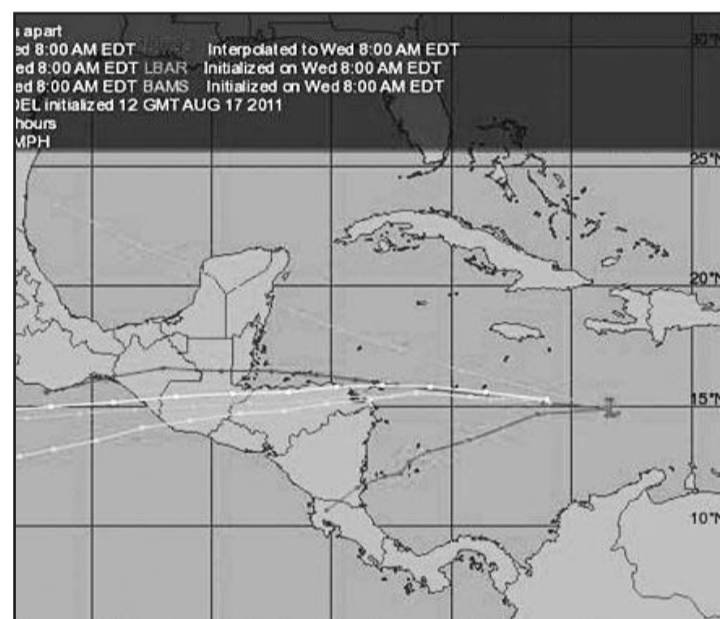
One option is to build an LNG plant at Punto Fijo, Fal-

con and transport the gas with tankers to Aruba. An other option is to run a pipeline up to the coastline with an LNG plant at the coast of Venezuela and transport the gas to Aruba. Still one other option is to install a pipeline from Aruba up to the dispatching LNG area in Venezuela. According to Eman, they have given serious thought to all three options and that they are in dialogue with the government of Venezuela regarding this.

Bill Klesse explained that his company has no objection and no problem working with PDVSA. Valero has an excellent working relationship with PDVSA for many years. For many years they have been a valuable supplier to Valero, says Klesse.

According to Eman, a few months ago the government signed an MOU with Valero with respect to LNG; hence Aruba is totally committed to this LNG project. Frank Hoevertsz and Freddy Rafini are working diligently on this project, so they are expecting that this LGN project will become a reality. The Prime Minister hopes to be able to give more information on the next steps they will be taking on this project

Tropical wave in the Caribbean becomes better organized



Cloudiness and showers associated with a tropical wave over the west-central Caribbean Sea have become better organized, according to the National Weather Service.

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dence of a surface circulation, conditions remain conducive for gradual development during the next couple of days. At this time, the system has a medium chance, 40 percent, of becoming a tropical storm



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Repeat students happy to be back with friends



Some ready to play, some want their mommy

Happy UNOCA faces!



ORANJESTAD -- UNOCA has just completed a very successful vacation time bustling with fun filled activities. Many, many people, young and old came by to view their collection of works of art in the exposition halls at UNOCA. Many participated in the various activities that were organized together with their sponsors. There were many, many happy faces to see at UNOCA!

Special thanks go out to the Museum Archeologico Nacional Aruba, the Public Library, FCCA and Kids Universe for their tremendous initiative in coming up with the idea for such a vacation program in the form of a partnership. This opportunity provided kids and young people a most varied type of activity.

Some of the activities included the Let's Move Museums and Gardens, The Book project and Outdoor films. UNOCA certainly appreciated this kind of cooperative activity and wants to encourage others to likewise promote this type of cooperation.

UNOCA also expresses gratitude to Osaria Muyale of Studio O for her tremendous cooperation and enthusiasm. She spent time telling the kids and young people everything they need to know about art. She opened her Art Salon for the kids to experience art and to guide them in trying their hand at painting and in making big banners.

Soprano soloist Tica Giel was recognized for sharing her musical experience and singing with the young peo-

ple. Author Jacques Thonissen shared his writing experiences and delighted everyone with his storytelling. Every participating kid received a free copy of one of Thonissen's books from UNOCA. Likewise author Olga Buckley shared her experience and a story of Bencho with the children. Together with Rubia Bernabela and Swinda Arends they informed the kids about their BON NOCHI, DRUMI DUSHI story reading project. Here each kid received another free book from UNOCA written by Buckley..."Bencho ta gana un bais."

Sheila Werleman also contributed nicely with her story telling of the Cleconchi story. The Cleconchi magazine was distributed among the children. Rosanna Keolewijn-Tromp of Art Gallery La Bonne Vie give of her time to guide the children in the painting of the banners and in helping them express themselves in conjunction with their visit in the natural "Mondi" habitat behind the UNOCA premises.

Unoca had only words of praise and gratitude for all of these people who contributed to making the vacation event such a tremendous success. Finally, UNOCA cannot forget to thank the many volunteers who helped with the many different activities, and the parents who stimulated the kids to participate. UNOCA reminds everyone that their exposition halls are always open to all to visit. UNOCA sends a big thank you to everyone!

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Inspiring concert by God's Sons at the Aruba Cultural Center



ORANJESTAD – The group 'God's Sons' announces the group is organizing a tremendous concert called 'Na Bo Honor y Gloria II' - "In Your Honor and Glory II." During the concert the group will present its new repertoire from their latest CD 'Na Bo Honor y Gloria.' The concert will be on Sunday, August 28 at the Aruba Cultural Center from 4 to 7 p.m.

Tickets are Afls. 15 and are available from all group members and at the Cristo Rey Church in Brazil, during office hours. Interested persons can also call tel. 5925129 or 7391974.

You can also follow the concert's development on facebook.

Drs. Timmer sworn in as new member of the Advisory Board



ORANJESTAD – Recently, Drs. Catrinus Timmer was sworn in as a member of the Advisory Board, which was witnessed by Aruba's Deputy Governor, Mrs. A.A. Tromp-Yarzagaray. Present at the occasion were Mr. Timmer's wife, Deborah Timmer-Marquet, President of the Advisory Board, Mr. Arie Swaen, Secretary of the Consulting Body, Hellen van der Wal and Director of the Cabinet of the Governor, Mr. P. Benschop. Mrs. Tromp-Yarzagaray congratulated Mr. Timmer on the occasion and wished him much success

She said 'Yesss!' Marriage proposal at Salt & Pepper Restaurant



Julie Kennie is engaged to be married! She said 'Yesss' to the love of her life, Todd Feeley, when asked her to be his wife last Tuesday at Salt & Pepper Restaurant in the Arawak Garden. Todd chose this terrific tapas restaurant for the momentous moment because the couple went there for the first time when vacationing on Aruba, already six years ago. From that time on they have been together. Of course Salt & Pepper is now etched in their hearts even more than before. The staff of Salt & Pepper would like to congratulate the couple with their upcoming nuptials and wish them their very best. Masha pa-bien!

Sci-Tech

Jodie Foster helps keep search for aliens alive



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - "Contact" star Jodie Foster was among donors helping to revive the 42 radio telescope dishes at a key California institute searching for extraterrestrial life, the group said Tuesday.

The Search for Extrater-

restrial Intelligence (SETI) Institute in California, which got a direct hit from federal and California budget cuts, had to halt operations in April for its telescopes pointed toward outer space.

But after a public campaign launched on its website, SETI said it had received \$223,000 -- exceeding its \$200,000 goal -- from 2,557 donors, Foster among them.

The Allen Telescope Array (ATA) is "good to go" and we need to return it to the task of searching newly discovered planetary worlds for signs of extraterrestrial intelligence,"

she said.

Recalling her role as an astronaut trying to get in contact with extraterrestrials in 1997's "Contact," Foster said the telescopes "could turn science fiction into science fact, but only if it is actively searching the skies. I support the effort to bring the array out of hibernation."

The amount of her donation was not revealed.

Apollo 8 mission astronaut Bill Anders, who also funded the SETI campaign, said "it is absolutely irresponsible of the human race not to be searching for evidence of extraterrestrial intelligence."

Founded in 1984, SETI was due to relaunch its operations next month. But in order to ensure long-term research, it will have to find new sources of financing.

The group is putting its hopes behind getting a US Air Force contract to track orbiting space debris that could damage satellites and the International Space Station.

Lyrics App Gives You the Words to 5.5 Million Songs on iTunes

Musicians are not always the most articulate folks -- often letting the sound and emotion of a jam outweigh vocal clarity -- which can make singing along to your favorite tunes a bit of a chore. Enter musiXmatch, a new iOS app from the lyrics provider that makes uncovering the words to any jam a snap.

The app -- which is available for Android, Symbian, Windows Mobile 7 and now for iPhone and iPod touch [iTunes links] -- scans your music library, allowing you to listen to your music and tap to uncover lyrics while you jam. Right now, the app has around 5.5 million songs, so pickings are relatively robust.

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AT SEA, RED SEA : (FILES) This handout picture released by the Tara team shows the schooner Tara sailing in the red sea on January 18, 2009. Studying the marine microorganisms all over the world, the scientific expedition Tara-Oceans, toured French Polynesia from June to August 2011 and made a stopover on August 16, 2011 in Papeete, in the southern Pacific island of Tahiti. The expedition will continue its voyage towards the Hawaiian Islands in September 2011. (AFP PHOTO)

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Time for new strategy to save mammals, say biologists

PARIS (AFP) - Time is running out to craft a plan to save Earth's rich diversity of mammals, a quarter of whose species could be wiped out, biologists warned on Tuesday.

"A global mammal strategy is urgent," they said in a journal published by the Royal Society, Britain's academy of sciences.

Millions of people have rallied to the cause of large iconic mammals such as the tiger, the polar bear and the giant panda, they noted.

But the news for less visible species is grim, especially those with a commercial value for poachers or whose habitat is at risk from farming, development or impending climate change.

Of the 5,339 documented species of mammals that are alive today, a quarter are threatened with extinction in the wild, according to their estimates, appearing in the journal Philosophical Transactions.

"As of today, there is not yet a comprehensive, widely agreed, global conservation strategy to tackle the mammal decline," said Carlo Rondinini and Luigi Boitani of the Global Mammal Assessment Pro-

gramme at Rome's Sapienza University, and Ana Rodrigues of the Centre of Evolutionary and Functional Ecology in Montpellier, France.

They suggested the UN's Biodiversity Convention weave a single vision, identifying which areas and species are at risk and how resources can be mustered to save them.

This work should then be coordinated by an authoritative institution with global reach, such as the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

Accompanying papers in the journal predicted that the biggest losses of mammal habitat will be in Africa and the Americas, while many species will be lost on the Mediterranean rim if predictions of climate change prove correct.

Quantifying such perils is hard, given that many mammals are elusive species and may live in fragmented, out-of-the-way habitats, the experts admitted.

Indeed, Australian investigators reported last September that of 187 mammals that have been "missing" since 1500, 67 species have subsequently been found again.

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Women smokers face higher bladder cancer risk



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Women smokers face a higher risk of bladder cancer than previously thought, according to a US study that points to the changing content of cigarettes as a potential reason for the increase.

The latest data shows that smoking is responsible for about half of bladder cancer cases in women, compared to

previous studies that showed between 20-30 percent of such cases were attributable to tobacco use.

The research, funded by the US National Institutes of Health and published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, said "the composition of cigarettes has changed during the past 50 years."

These changes have led to "a reduction in tar and nicotine concentrations in cigarette smoke, but also to an apparent increase in the concentration of specific carcinogens, including beta-naphthylamine, a known bladder carcinogen."

Also, more women are smoking than before, which could explain the change.

Previous studies have shown the risk of bladder cancer in current and former smokers was between 50-65 percent in men and 20-30 percent in women, while current smokers face triple the risk of

getting bladder cancer as people who never smoked.

The study shows that smoking is linked to an even higher risk of bladder cancer in women -- 52 percent -- while men stayed about the same at 50 percent.

The latest findings appear to confirm a 2009 US study by the NCI that showed a stronger association between smoking and bladder cancer than had been observed in the mid-1990s.

CDC data from 2009 shows that an estimated 46 million people, or 20.6 percent of all US adults, smoke cigarettes, though smoking is slightly more common among men (23.5 percent) than women (17.9 percent).

Health authorities say about 69,250 people will be diagnosed with bladder cancer this year in the United States only, and 14,990 will die from the disease.

High cancer risk in black moms who don't breastfeed

WASHINGTON (AFP) - African-American women who do not breastfeed their babies face a higher risk of getting an aggressive form of breast cancer than their counterparts who nurse, said a US study.

The analysis found that women who had two or more children faced a 50 percent increased risk of hormone receptor-negative breast cancer, one of the toughest kinds to treat.

But this higher risk was only present in women who did not breastfeed their children.

"African-American women are more likely to have had a greater number of full-term births and less likely to have breast-fed their babies," said Julie Palmer, professor of epidemiology at the Slone Epidemiology Center at Boston University.

"This study shows a clear link between that and hormone receptor-negative breast cancer."

Data for the research, published in Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention, a journal of the American Association for Cancer Research, came from the Black Women's Health Study which has followed 59,000 women since 1995.

From 1995 to 2009, researchers found 457 cases of hormone receptor-positive breast cancer and 318 cases of hormone receptor-negative breast cancer among study participants.

Among those diagnosed with hormone receptor positive breast cancer, which also tends to occur more frequently in white women, there was no link to the number of children a woman had and whether or

not she breastfed.

"Our results, taken together with recent results from studies of triple negative and basal-like breast cancer, suggest that breastfeeding can reduce risk of developing the aggressive, difficult-to-treat breast cancers that disproportionately affect African-American women," Palmer said.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about 35 percent of white women in the United States are breastfeeding their babies at six months of age compared to 20 percent of black women.

Breast cancer is expected to kill nearly 40,000 people (39,520 women, 450 men) this year in the United States, according to the National Cancer Institute. It is the second leading killer among women after lung cancer.

To live longer, exercise daily and tame the telly: studies

PARIS (AFP) - People who exercise just a little bit each day may boost their lifespan while TV addicts could be taking years off their life, two studies published suggest.

Chi-Pang Wen of Taiwan's National Health Research Institutes and Jackson Pui Man Wai of the National Taiwan Sport University looked at more than 400,000 people who took part in a medical screening programme between 1996 and 2008. The volunteers were then followed for eight years on average.

Compared with individuals who said they were physically inactive, people who were in a group of "low-volume" exercise had a 14-percent reduced risk of premature death from all causes, and a 10-percent reduced risk of death from cancer.

The "low volume" category applied to people whose total amount of exercise of all kinds

averaged 92 minutes per week, or about 15 minutes a day.

On average, their life expectancy was three years longer than inactive counterparts.

The benefits applied to all ages and to both sexes and are roughly equivalent in health impact to a successful campaign to discourage smoking, say the authors, who publish their work online in The Lancet.

Separately, researchers in Australia found that watching TV or videos for an average of six hours a day could shorten the viewer's life expectancy by almost five years.

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ORANJESTAD – Police delegations from the Dutch Kingdom, Suriname and Aruba joined together to celebrate Police Force week in an informative and congenial ambiance. The law enforcement agents enjoyed sports encounters and other entertaining activities, such as domino, survival of the fittest, mental gymnastics and softball.

On Tuesday morning, there was a mass at the San Fran-

cisco Church in Oranjestad and afterwards the police officers marched before Aruba's Government Building in Oranjestad, where the Ministers of Prime Minister Eman were waiting for them accompanied by the delegations' respective Police Commissioners and other invited guests.

It was a very impressive march, with the officers in their respective uniforms, smartly saluting the digni-

taries. Afterwards, they marched to the Renaissance Convention Center to enjoyed a delightful lunch.

Others activities for this week are volleyball, football, and shooting competitions. Also a cultural night at the Plaza Betico Croes with a song festival with 15 participants.

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CHTA Signs with HCP/Aboard for Historic Book On Caribbean Travel & Tourism as It Prepares to Celebrate 50th Anniversary Event in 2012

by CHTA press release

'From Pirates to Hoteliers' to Chronicle Past 50 Years in Caribbean Hospitality Industry

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico - The Caribbean Hotel & Tourism Association (CHTA) will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary, a landmark Golden Jubilee, in 2012 and has commissioned HCP/Aboard Publishing, Custom Publishing Division of The Miami Herald Media Company to write and print a commemorative book about the history of the Caribbean hospitality and tourism in-

dustry titled From Pirates to Hoteliers, which will be released during the business sessions at the Caribbean Hotel & Tourism Investment Conference (CHTIC), taking place in San Juan, Puerto Rico in April 2012.

"We chose HCP/Aboard after several months of an exhaustive search for a company with the right resources to help write, print and assist with the funding of this important historic project," said Josef Forstmayr, president of CHTA. "As part of our celebrations CHTA is commissioning HCP to print a glossy,

200+ page coffee-table quality book to record the events of the past 50 years in the Caribbean hospitality and tourism industry," Forstmayr added.

The book will be created in a hardcover coffee table format and will depict the vivid and illustrious history of the Caribbean hotel and tourism industry, its impact on all aspects of life in the region and its place in the world as an association at the forefront of tourism leadership.

Historic images chronicling key events in Caribbean

history will accompany stories dating from the earliest visitors to the region - from the colonial era to the famous "pirates of the Caribbean" - to the first tourists to the region, the rise of tourism after the Cuban revolution, and the formation of the CHTA.

Beautifully written with an introduction by the CHTA President, From Pirates to Hoteliers brings to life some of the most significant events, places, people, programs, and traditions that are all part of the Caribbean experience. It is a celebration of an industry that has played a key role in the development of the region and will continue to do so far into the future.

David Jessop, Executive Director of the Caribbean Council for Europe, and a renowned author, will write several chapters for the book setting some of the historic sequences in perspective.

Any company or individuals who would like to help "make history" for Caribbean or would like to know more about the project, please contact George deMercado, George@caribbeanhotelandtourism.com or telephone 305-443-3040 305-443-3040 or Garry Duell Jr. at 305-376-2686 305-376-2686 or via e-mail at gduell@hcpaboard.com.

Caribbean Hotel & Tourism Association

The Caribbean Hotel & Tourism Association (CHTA) facilitates the full potential of the Caribbean hotel and tourism industry by serving members' needs and building partnerships in a socially responsible and sustainable manner. CHTA was founded

in 1962; it is the voice of the Caribbean hospitality industry for the development of the region in the highly competitive and sophisticated environment of international tourism.

Today, tourism is widely recognized as a pivotal industry in the economy of the region - and CHTA functions as the common denominator for this industry in a region of diverse nationalities, languages and styles, identifying mutual problems and marshaling the resources of the active and allied members to devise solutions. CHTA represents all facets of the hospitality industry with more than 725 member hotels and 525 allied members.

For more information, visit <http://www.caribbean-hotelandtourism.com>. Follow CHTA on Facebook www.Facebook.com/CaribbeanHotelandTourismAssociation and Twitter www.Twitter.com/CHTAFeeds.

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The Caribbean Hotel Association is dedicated to excellence in hospitality, leadership in marketing, and sustainable growth in tourism, to the benefit of its membership and that of the wider Caribbean community. The members of CHA represent the entire spectrum of hospitality industry's private sector, from over 800 member hotels in 35 national hotel associations, to allied members including airline executives, tour operators, travel agents, trade and consumer press, hotel and restaurant suppliers, and others.

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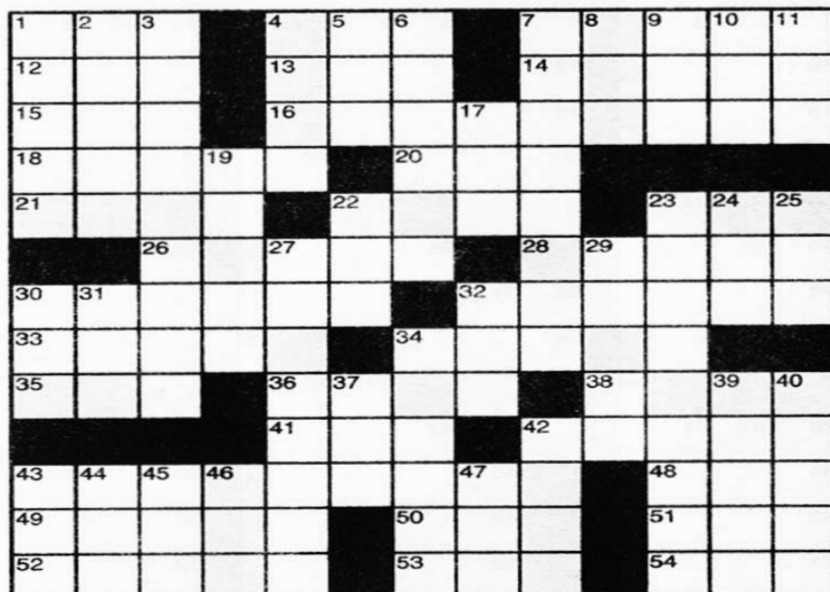
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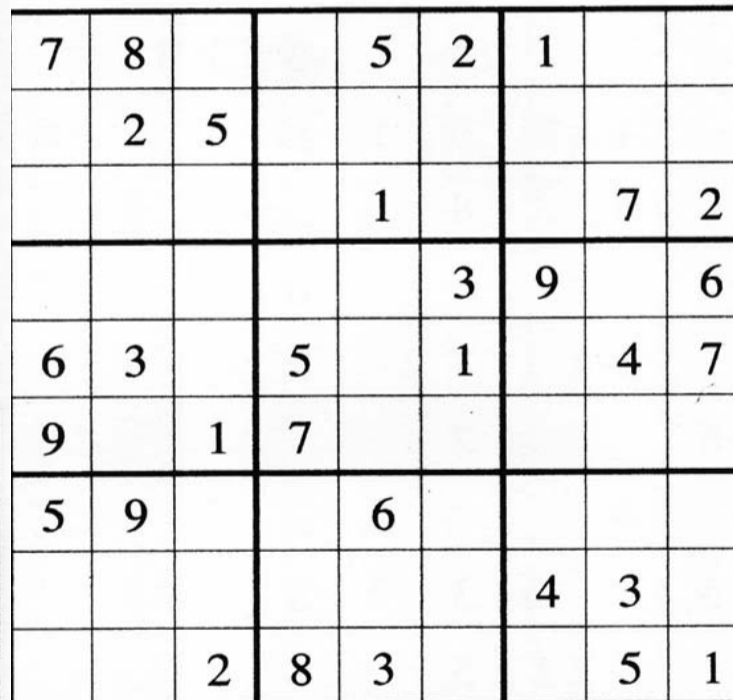
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Finance

Oil prices rise on US gasoline draw, softer dollar

NEW YORK (AFP) - Oil prices climbed on Wednesday, boosted by an unexpectedly big drop in US gasoline inventories during the peak of the key summer driving season and a weaker dollar that helped to spur demand.

New York's main contract, West Texas Intermediate light sweet crude for September delivery, gained 93 cents a barrel to close at \$87.58.

In London, Brent North Sea crude for October delivery jumped \$1.47 to settle at \$110.60.

The US Department of Energy said Wednesday that American gasoline inventories sank by 3.5 million barrels in the week ending August 12, suggesting

stronger-than-expected demand.

A decline of only 1.2 million barrels was expected, according to analysts polled by Dow Jones Newswires.

The drop came as traders particularly focus on US gasoline stockpiles during the summer, when many drivers take to the road for holidays, to gauge the appetite for consumer spending that feeds much of the economy.

Rich Ilczyszyn, at MF Global, said that the gasoline draw was the main engine for the New York market action.

"Demand seems to be still there short term as people go on vacation," he said.

The decline in gasoline reserves helped to offset a large

increase in US crude oil inventories last week that could point to weak demand in the world's biggest oil consumer.

Crude reserves soared 4.2 million barrels, confounding market expectations for a drop of 600,000 barrels.

The oil market also found support from a sharp weakening in the dollar against the euro, making dollar-priced commodities more attractive for buyers using stronger currencies.

"Commodity markets in general got a boost from a weaker US dollar and investors are looking for inflation hedges again," BMO Capital Markets analysts said in a client note.

Haiti economy : Bill Clinton announces \$20 million for businesses

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The former U.S. President Bill Clinton has launched yesterday, a new loan program, with \$20 million, intended to Haitian entrepreneurs in order to revive the economy of the country...

According to Bill Clinton, one of the biggest barriers to the growth of the Haitian economy is the lack of facilities to provide loans on favorable terms to the small businesses. He said he was "troubled" by the loan terms offered to Haitian businesses, even if they have a perfect credit record...

Mr. Clinton announced that the first loan, of this new program will be given to Caribbean Crafts [located near the International Airport], which produces handicrafts for export and whose the shop was destroyed in the earthquake of 2010.

Caribbean Crafts, will receive a loan of an amount of USD\$415,000 and the interest

will be returned into the fund of program of loans to other companies, Mr. Clinton said, noting that this loan will enable the company to hire 200 additional employees.

"The space that we have is so small, we can't welcome enough people to continue orders," declared Magalie

Dresse, the owner of Caribbean Craft, adding that "on the Haitian market, the lowest we'd be getting was between 12 and 15 percent. Plus we had to add to it the fees that come with it...", this loan at 6.5% will "allow us to respond to the demand that we're getting now."

Chavez to nationalize gold production in Venezuela

CARACAS (AFP) - Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said Wednesday he will nationalize the gold industry, including extraction and processing, and use its output to boost the country's international reserves.

The move follows a dispute between his government and foreign miners who say the rules limiting the amount of gold that can be exported from the South American nation hurt their efforts to secure financing and create jobs.

Toronto-listed Rusoro Mining Ltd., owned by Russia's Agapov family, is the only large gold miner operating in Venezuela. It produced 100,000 ounces last year.

Chavez said that the nationalization was necessary "because in that area there is anarchy, there are mafias, smugglers."

Venezuela has as much as \$12 billion in gold reserves,

Chavez said, and "we cannot permit them to keep taking that from us."

The gold industry will be just the latest part of the economy to be put under state control by the socialist leader, who said he would issue the necessary decree in the coming days and called on the military to help control the sector.

The announcement came a day after an opposition legislator revealed a report showing the government's top finance officials were recommending the repatriation of 90 per cent of Venezuela's gold reserves held abroad.

The report also said that Venezuela is planning to move about \$6.3 billion in cash reserves mainly from the Bank of International Settlements in Basel, Switzerland, and Barclays Bank in London to unnamed Russian, Chinese and Brazilian banks.

Colombian leader says rebels weakened, not defeated



SANTIAGO: Chilean President Sebastian Pinera (R) speaks with Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos (L) at La Moneda presidential palace in Santiago.

SANTIAGO (AFP) - Colombian President Manuel Santos said Wednesday the leftist rebels in his country have been weakened but not defeated, underscoring the need for more efforts to root out violence to help improve the economic climate.

"Today the guerrillas are weakened, a bit desperate, but not yet defeated, so we must persevere," Santos said during a visit in Chile at a meeting of the Economic Commission for Latin America, a regional economic grouping.

Santos said improving the country's security situation is key to boosting the economy, by giving more confidence to those investing in the South American nation.

In past years, he said, foreign investment "was practically nonexistent," because "nobody wanted to go to Colombia, including insurance companies which would not insure executives in Colombia because the risk was too high."

"We had lost control of part of our territory, and it was important to restore security and governance throughout the country to be able to think about a development program."

In Colombia, where a rebel movement has been active for decades, "we have made suf-

ficient progress to be able to expand the domestic and foreign agenda but security remains a problem; until we get a comprehensive peace, we will not cease our efforts."

Santos arrived Monday in Chile for a two-day official visit which included talks with Chilean President Sebastian Pinera.

The Colombian leader told business leaders during the visit that his government is willing to talk with rebel groups that want to lay down their arms.

On Saturday, the largest rebel group, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, active for 47 years, said it was willing to dialogue with the government, but only if it can create the environment which guarantees peace and social justice.

In clashes last week, the FARC, which is estimated to have some 8,000 fighters, killed two Colombian soldiers and wounded eight others.

Earlier in the month, suspected FARC rebels set fire to an oil tank at a Colombian facility operated by Canada's Alange Energy.

Attacks on the country's oil facilities have increased since the start of the year in what experts see as a sign that the decades-old guerrilla group is targeting the sector as a source of revenue.

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Betrayed N.Z. wife smashes car into wrong property

WELLINGTON (AFP) - A New Zealand woman angry at her cheating husband crashed a car into the building where she thought her love rival lived, only to find she had targeted the wrong property, a report said yesterday.

The 25-year-old woman pleaded guilty in court to causing damage of almost NZ\$43,000 (\$36,000) to the property in the South Island town of Nelson, the Nelson Mail reported.

The newspaper reported that the woman, whose name was suppressed, was driving with her husband in the town in June when she confronted him over text messages he had received from another

woman.

She demanded he direct her to the woman's apartment complex and point out which property she lived in.

The furious wife then crashed her car through the gates of the apartment complex and accelerated into the garage of the flat where she thought the woman lived.

Her husband ran off while his wife waited for police to arrive, the newspaper reported.

It said the man later told his wife she had crashed into the wrong property.

Prosecutors are seeking full payment for the damage inflicted by the woman, who will be sentenced on October 3, the report said.

German boy told to clean up calls cops over 'forced labour'

BERLIN (AFP) - When a German boy phoned to complain he was being made to do "forced labour", police were alarmed. But it turned out the 11-year-old had only been asked by his mother to help clean up at home.

The boy from the western city of Aachen phoned this week to make his complaint, adding that his mother "made him work all day", police said.

"I have to work all day long. I haven't any free time," the boy told authorities over the phone.

His mother, who was not identified, later told police her son had been complaining over the holidays of having to help around the house, and had repeatedly threatened to call the police over such "forced labour".

When she asked him to pick up paper on the floor, he dialed the 110 police emergency number.

"He plays all day long and when told to tidy up what he's done, he calls it forced labour," police quoted his mother as saying.

Discover real Latin cuisine at cozy Delimar

Marcos Arce, owner and chef of Delimar Restaurant in Oranjestad, shares a passion for the native cuisine of his homeland, Peru, with his wife Lorena, and together they share this pride with their patrons in the uniquely flavored and authentic dishes they offer seven days a week. Indeed, the restaurant is quite busy on weekends with members of Aruba's immigrant population from Latin American, who love this true taste of home.

The specialties of the house particularly reflect the cooking nuances of Lima, which is a port town, so seafood is showcased in a number of attractive and delectable dishes, with interesting and unusual sauces native to that region. Special peppers flown in from Peru provide the color, flavor and a new twist. Aji Limo (red), Aji Mirasol, (yellow) and Aji Panca (maroon,) play an important role in seasoning the very interesting menu, and as Marcos makes each dish to order, you can consult him on the degree of spiciness you prefer.

Marcos explains that Peru is the standard bearer for "fusion" cuisine, as a diversity of people from around the world; Spain, Italy, China, Japan and the slaves of Africa, have been settling there for 500 years and bringing their influences to the native cooking of the Incas, producing a most interesting mélange of flavors and ingredients.

Delimar dishes are beautiful to behold, quite tasty, and more than reasonably priced; looking over the menu, the single most expensive items are generous portions of seafood with Arisotado (risotto) or Tacu-Tacu (Rice and Beans) or served Cau-Cau (seafood only,) at \$16 for a main course. For landlubbers there is a fine selection of distinctive meat and fowl, again, the priciest is the Tenderloin in Champagne Sauce at \$17.50. Expect a very pleased reaction when you get your bill.

The restaurant also offers a selection of traditional drinks they have given a Peruvian touch using a regional liquor called Pisco, a sort of supremely smooth vodka made from grapes. They say you haven't truly lived until you try their Piscotinis, Piscojitos, or Piscoitas, a new



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Delimar is a memorable choice as a lunch or dinner stop if you are visiting Oranjestad. It is located just one block east of the square behind the Renaissance Resort, on the Wilhelmina Straat. It is worth the effort to search it out if you are seeking a new and adventurous dining experience. Call 582-6139 or 741-8734 for reservations and



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Madrid protesters decry cost of pope party



Demonstrators protest against special reductions on public transport for visiting pilgrims on the first day of the World Youth Day meeting in Madrid. The poster reads "Not with my taxes."

MADRID (AFP) - Protesters take to Madrid's streets Wednesday to decry the expense of a rock festival-style, million-strong youth party for Pope Benedict XVI at a time of economic crisis.

On the eve of the 84-year-old pontiff's arrival in the Spanish capital to celebrate lavish World Youth Day events, more than 100 groups opposed to the visit prepared to march Wednesday evening.

The joint protest unites many causes, including groups seeking a change in the Church's attitude to gay rights and those fighting for a clearer separation of Church and state.

There is even a separate plan for a gay and lesbian "kiss-in" once the pope gets here.

But the outcry that has struck a chord with many -- including some priests -- is over the official 50.5-million-

euro (\$73-million) price tag, excluding the cost of police and security, of the Madrid celebrations.

The protest groups, some of which argue the real cost of the event to taxpayers is more than 100 million euros, are joining under the slogan: "The pope's visit, not with my taxes."

Organisers say most of the cost will be covered by a registration fee from the pilgrims, and the celebration will be a massive tourist boost for Spain.

But for many the celebration is jarring at time when the economy is faltering, the government is making painful cuts and unemployment is at 20.89 percent. For those under 25, the jobless rate is over 45 percent.

"We criticise this scandalous show at a time of such a terribly distressing economic situation, with entire families unemployed," said Evaristo Villar, of Redes Cristianas (Christian Networks).

"This ostentation is causing a lot of damage and distancing a lot of people" from the Church, he said.

Many of those in Spain's 15-M "indignant" movement -- launched on May 15 against the management of the economic crisis -- are also taking part in the protest.

"Just months after visits to Santiago and Barcelona, Mr. Ratzinger -- Benedict XVI to the Catholics -- persistent in his idea of 'reconquering' a country that he sees as veering away from its moral and religious programme, returns to Madrid," the protesters said in a statement to be read out at the rally.

It appealed to all citizens, "regardless of their personal

convictions," to stop authorities from granting the Church "privileges that belong to past eras and an undemocratic heritage."

Spanish gays and lesbians say they will hold a separate protest "kiss-in" after the pope's arrival Thursday.

The kiss-in, being organised on Facebook, is to protest against the Church's "moral condemnations of sexuality," said Jaime del Val, a spokesman for one of the gay groups involved, Asamblea Transmaricabollo de Sol.

When the pope last visited Spain in November last year, he was confronted by a homosexual kiss-in in Barcelona.

About 200 gay men and women couples locked lips to demand the Church recognise their right to be gay as he paraded through Barcelona's streets November 7 in his transparent "Popemobile".

For the August 16-21 Catholic celebrations, traffic has been barred in much of central Madrid and a huge white stage has been erected for events in the emblematic Cibeles Square.

Huge speakers blare out pop music through the day as hundreds of thousands of fans in floppy hats swelter in the August heat.

The Church has opened 200 white confessionals in the form of boat sails along the main thoroughfare through Madrid's Retiro park.

The pope will hold a "Prayer Vigil" on Saturday evening at an airbase southwest of the capital, where the pilgrims will spend the night on an esplanade the size of 48 football pitches.

Benedict celebrates mass there on Sunday morning at a white altar almost 200 metres (660 feet) long in front of a wave-shaped stage and under a giant parasol "tree", made of interwoven golden rods.

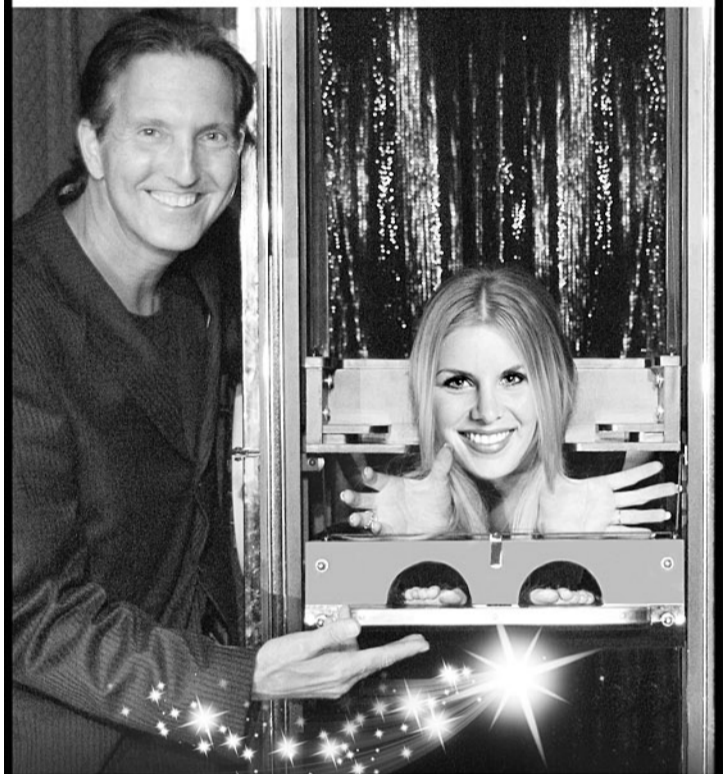
A secular protest group, Europea Laica, said it hoped several thousand protesters would join the march.

"It is in defence of the construction of a secular state, the separation of the Church and state, and against the financing of the Churches by the state," said Europa Laica president Francisco Delgado.

One Roman Catholic group called Hazte Oir (Make Yourself Heard), called on the authorities to ban the protest march, with a petition describing it as "an expression of intolerance and religious hatred".

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wanted to have fresh legs to defend my title in the 200m for an unprecedented fourth time," Felix said on the IAAF website.

"Ultimately I decided that I wanted to step outside of my comfort zone and try something different this time. I feel blessed to have had success in the 200m at worlds in the past and I felt like it was time to take on a different challenge.

"I'll also be running in the 4x400m relay in addition to the 200m and 400m. I feel like mentally I am going to take one round at a time and physically I feel like I have done the work in practice and I just have to sustain my body the best I can throughout the competition."

Felix last ran competitively more than a month ago at the Diamond League meet in Monaco, coming in second to team-mate Carmelita Jeter in a 200m race.

But she insisted that despite being unhappy at losing, she had the bigger picture on her mind.

"I have my sights set on World Championships and all my training has been geared towards that so at times that means being patient," she said.

"Training has been extremely intense leading up to Worlds. Being home has been great to be able to get the quality and intensity of workouts that my coach Bobby Kersee had planned. I'm feeling very prepared going into the worlds. We will begin to taper soon after we arrive in Daegu."

PARIS (AFP) - American track star Allyson Felix is ready to step "out of her comfort zone" in her bid to go for a 200-400m double at the World Athletics Championships in Daegu, South Korea.

Felix is the reigning three-time world 200m star but has decided to go for what would be an unprecedented fourth title in that event along with the 400m.

"It was a very difficult decision to decide to double. I was torn with deciding if I

Brazil to play Ghana in London friendly



LONDON (AFP) - Brazil are to play Ghana in an international friendly in London next month, the Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF) confirmed in a statement on Wednesday.

The five-time world champions will face the African heavyweights at Fulham's Craven Cottage on September 5, the CBF announced.

Brazil had originally arranged a September 6 date with Egypt which was cancelled for security issues.

World Cup quarter-finalists Ghana were to have met Nigeria at Watford near London last week but that match was called off following widespread rioting in the British capital.

Brazil coach Mano Menezes was Thursday set to unveil his squad for the rearranged match.

Since their Copa America quarter-final loss to Paraguay, 2014 World Cup hosts Brazil have followed up with a friendly loss to Germany.

Now, Menezes is trying to establish a winning formula as the five-times world champions prepare for further friendlies later in the year against Argentina, Costa Rica, Mexico and Gabon.

Leverkusen take Colombian starlet on loan



BERLIN, Germany (AFP) - Bundesliga side Bayer Leverkusen signed Colombian midfielder Michael Ortega on

loan for a year on Wednesday after he sparkled in the Under-20 world championships.

Ortega, who began his career at Deportivo Cali before moving on to Mexican side Atlas Guadalajara last season, has been marked out as star of the future at senior level by Leverkusen.

"Michael was sensational in the Under-20 world championships. He is a huge talent for the future," remarked Bayer owner Wolfgang Holzhauser.

Leverkusen are presently in 12th place after just two matches and are away at VfB Stuttgart this Saturday.



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Dhoni warns against India 'panic'



LONDON (AFP) - India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni warned against "panic" measures as his team aimed to salvage some pride against England in the fourth and final Test at The Oval starting here today.

England, an unbeatable 3-0 up in the series, dethroned India as the world's number one Test side with a mammoth innings and 242 run win at Edgbaston last week - the latest of a trio of ever larger victories.

There have been suggestions this series has marked a 'watershed' in Indian cricket and that now is the time for rebuilding to start.

But Dhoni, speaking to reporters at The Oval on Wednesday, said: "More often than not, with the kind of side we have, we put up a good show.

"What's important is what's needed. It's important to stick to the basics and keep things very simple."

A defiant Dhoni added: "We are not really sleeping so we don't need a wake-up call.

"The past two years have been great. We have to look to the future as well but at the

same time the important thing is not to panic because sides can push the panic button too soon.

"It is a sport at the end of the day, you go through tough times," explained Dhoni, who earlier this year led India to World Cup glory.

"Challenges make life interesting. If you only achieve success it becomes quite easy for you. It's the same in cricket or any other sport. It's just a phase we're going through. We are learning a lot."

Dhoni said the fates had conspired against the tourists, particularly losing strike bowler Zaheer Khan with hamstring and then ankle injuries that meant the left arm quick was restricted to fewer than 14 overs, all bowled in the first Test, this series.

"We have missed Zaheer Khan because he has got plenty of experience and can move the ball," explained Dhoni. "He can plan a batsman out, which is important in these circumstances."

India have failed to make the benchmark score of 300 so far this series -- and indeed have yet to compile as many as the 294 runs England's Alastair Cook managed by himself at Edgbaston in any of their six innings this campaign.

For a side boasting the likes of Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid and Venkatesh Laxman, as well as the recently fit-again Virender Sehwag -- out for a 'king pair' at Edgbaston -- that is a deeply depressing statistic.

"We are a side more known for our batting so the priority for us will be to put runs on the board," Dhoni said.

"Virender Sehwag plays his own game, he backs himself to play shots, so he may get out. You can say it (Edgbaston) was one of those games. But his approach will definitely help us win games."

Sneijder is untouchable, say Inter

ROME (AFP) - Wesley Sneijder is untouchable according to Inter Milan, although president Massimo Moratti admitted that Samuel Eto'o's expected departure to Anzhi Makhachkala is in part responsible.

Eto'o is due to complete his big-money move to Russia this week and now Moratti claims Sneijder will be going nowhere, despite constant press speculation linking him with Manchester United.

"We've never been involved in any deals over Wes. If Eto'o does leave then (Sneijder) will stay," said Moratti before confusingly adding: "however Sneijder was untouchable even before this hypothesis and now he is even more so. He's staying."

As for Eto'o, Moratti explained that his sale is intended to allow the club to remain within UEFA's financial fair-play rules which limit the amount of debt club's can accrue.

"When you get an offer of



this kind it's difficult to match it or to refuse it," he said.

"Financial fairplay is no laughing matter, it's serious and those who don't respect it

will find themselves barred from European competition."

Anzhi are believed to have offered Inter around 22 million euros for Eto'o while they are offering the player an incredible wage believed to be around 15 million euros a season.

But Moratti had soothing words for Inter fans disappointed at the sale, pointing to the fact they let Zlatan Ibrahimovic leave two years ago, when Eto'o arrived, only to go on and win the treble.

"The fans were disappointed when Ibrahimovic left but then you know how that turned out," he said.

Inter are looking to find a replacement but Moratti said it will more likely be Napoli's Ezequiel Lavezzi or Atletico Madrid's Diego Forlan than Manchester City's Carlos Tevez.

"In the end I don't think it will be (Tevez). The names we're working on are (Lavezzi and Forlan), we're looking, we're analysing, we'll see," said Moratti.

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Britain's Murray triumph at Cincinnati



Andy Murray of Great Britain is congratulated by David Nalbandian of Argentina after their match during the Western & Southern Open at the Lindner Family Tennis Center

Murray, ranked fourth, suffered an early exit in Montreal last week but there was little hint of that in his latest match. Murray overcame a sluggish start to record a 6-4 6-1 win over Argentine David Nalbandian, setting up a third-round match against either France's Jo-Wilfried Tsonga or U.S. qualifier Alex Bogomolov.

Other results:

Men: 2nd rd

Andy Murray (GBR x4) bt David Nalbandian (ARG) 6-4, 6-1; Rafael Nadal (ESP x2) bt Julien Benneteau (FRA) 6-4, 7-5; Radek Stepanek (CZE) bt Andrey Golubev (KAZ) 6-3, 7-6 (7/2); Philipp Kohlschreiber (GER) bt Feliciano Lopez (ESP) 6-1, 6-4; Mardy Fish (USA x7) bt Nikolay Davydenko (RUS) 6-0, 6-2; Gael Monfils (FRA x6) bt Ivan Dodig (CRO) 4-6, 6-3, 4-0 retired; Nicolas Almagro (ESP x9) bt Ivo Karlovic (CRO) 6-3, 5-7, 7-6 (7/2).

Zapata blunder sees Villarreal stunned by Odense

ODENSE (AFP) - A shocking error by debutant Cristian Zapata saw Villarreal stunned 1-0 by unheralded Danish side Odense in the away leg of their Champions League play-off tie on Wednesday.

The Colombia centre-back, who signed from Udinese earlier this summer, underhit an attempted back-pass to goalkeeper Diego Lopez in the 84th minute, allowing Hans Henrik Andreassen to lash home the winning goal.

Juan Carlos Garrido's side, fourth in La Liga last season and Europa League semi-finalists, must now win

the second leg at El Madrigal next Tuesday or face elimination from Europe's premier competition.

Whereas Villarreal are yet to begin their domestic season, Odense are already five matches into their Danish SuperLiga campaign.

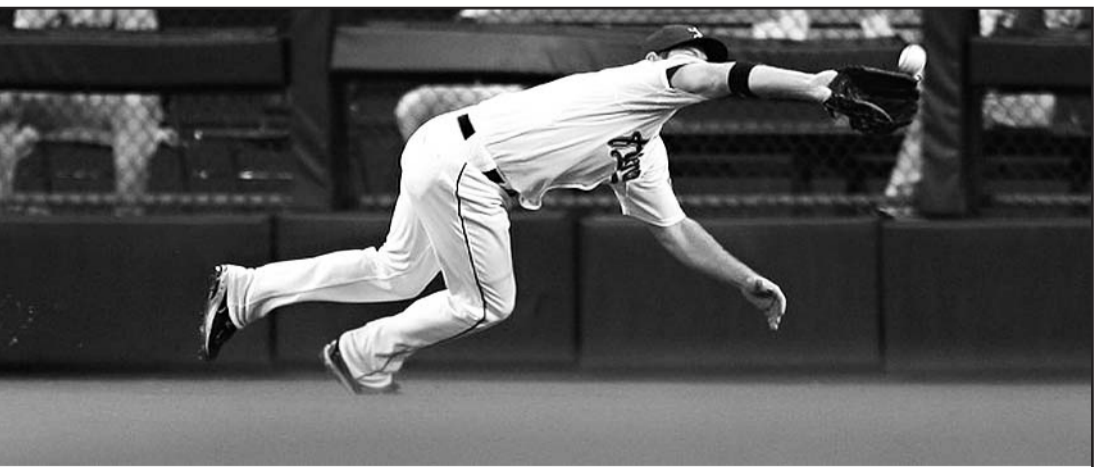
Their greater freshness was apparent in the first 20 minutes, when Andreassen failed to capitalise on several openings.

Mateo Mussachio had an effort cleared off the line, Giuseppe Rossi tested Wessels with a vicious near-post shot and Cani saw a rising drive from 25 yards miss the right-hand angle of post and bar by centimetres.

Rossi rippled the side netting from Nilmar's pass 10 minutes into the second half but the Spaniards were then indebted to Lopez for spectacularly tipping over a sumptuous dipping volley from Kalilou Traore.

Wessels twice repelled Nilmar and an underwhelming draw looked on the cards for the visitors until Zapata's late blunder made things even worse.

His loose pass was seized upon by Andreassen, who slipped past Zapata's attempt to make amends before bending a left-foot shot past Lopez and nudging Odense towards a first ever group phase appearance.



HOUSTON - Center fielder J.B. Shuck #8 of the Houston Astros makes a diving catch on line drive by Alfonso Soriano #12 of the Chicago Cubs in the second inning at Minute Maid Park yesterday in Houston, Texas.

MLB Standings									
American League					National League				
East	W	L	Pct	GB	East	W	L	Pct	GB
BOSTON	74	46	.617	--	PHILADELPHIA	78	41	.655	--
NY YANKEES	73	46	.613	0.5	ATLANTA	71	51	.582	8.5
TAMPA	64	56	.533	10.0	NY METS	59	62	.488	20.0
TORONTO	61	60	.504	13.5	WASHINGTON	57	62	.479	21.0
BALTIMORE	47	72	.395	26.5	FLORIDA	56	65	.463	23.0
Central					Central				
DETROIT	64	57	.529	--	MILWAUKEE	71	51	.582	--
CLEVELAND	60	57	.513	2.0	ST. LOUIS	65	57	.533	6.0
CHICAGO	60	60	.500	3.5	CINCINNATI	59	62	.488	11.5
MINNESOTA	53	67	.442	10.5	PITTSBURG	57	63	.475	13.0
KANSAS	50	72	.410	14.5	CHICAGO	54	68	.433	17.0
West					West				
TEXAS	70	52	.574	--	HOUSTON	38	84	.311	33.0
LA ANGELES	65	57	.533	5.0	ARIZONA	68	53	.562	--
SEATTLE	53	67	.442	16.0	SAN FRANCISCO	66	56	.541	2.5
OAKLAND	53	68	.438	16.5	COLORADO	57	66	.463	12.0
					LA DODGERS	55	65	.458	12.5
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Wozniacki's slump continues as Serena forfeits

CINCINNATI (AFP) - World number one Caroline Wozniacki's disappointing US Open preparations continued on Wednesday as she crashed 6-4, 7-5 to young American Christina McHale at the WTA tournament here.

The 21-year-old Dane suffered a collapse similar to last week's defeat in Toronto, where she went out in the second round after letting a 5-1 lead slip in the second set.

Wozniacki, who holds the number one ranking despite disappointing showings at the French Open and Wimbledon, had only returned to action in Toronto after a month out with a painful shoulder.

Wozniacki, who has been in the news of late for being



Wozniacki

the new girlfriend of US Open golf champion Rory McIlroy, has not won a match since a last-16 exit at Wimbledon,

having received first-round byes at Toronto and here.

However, Wozniacki - a finalist in the 2009 US Open

- was philosophical about her poor form and vowed to put it right.

"Such things happen during a season, to have highs and lows," she said.

"I am going to come back stronger and win matches very soon.

"Christina served well on the important points and I committed unforced errors that I shouldn't have.

"I would have liked to have more matches under my belt before the US Open (which gets under way on August 29) but I am going to train even harder," added Wozniacki, who will play in the New Haven tournament next week.

Meanwhile, America's

Serena Williams withdrew from the tournament ahead of her second-round match due to a foot problem.

Williams is on a run of 12 straight wins after successive titles at Stanford and Toronto, but the WTA explained that the 29-year-old had aggravated an injury to the big toe on her right foot.

"I felt a pain while playing (in the first round on Tuesday) and I don't think it's the right time to be taking risks," said Williams, who underwent a foot operation after winning Wimbledon in July 2010.

That injury, followed by a pulmonary embolism, kept her away from the courts for almost a year.

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